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Campus Ministry Continues To Be an Active Part of Campus Life

by Maura Giles

The Campus Ministry program has a bright prosperous future ahead. Campus Ministry is a program that has been responsible for many successful groups such as: Amnesty International, Foster Fundays, Volunteer Corps, and various liturgical ministries. Today, the ministry continues to expand.

A new group added this year, Bread for the World, has already received a great number of volunteers. Bread for the World, is a group that fights to reduce hunger. Members of this group at Saint Joseph's meet to pray, study the situation, and take action together by calling and writing our Congress concerning pending hunger legislation.

Participation has not only boomed in new ministries, but also in older ministries. The music ministry at Saint Joseph's has doubled its number of participants over the past years. Even the mass planning committee has increased.

On Sunday September 13, 1998, Saint Joseph's students were commissioned for various liturgical ministries such as Eucharistic ministries, acolytes, lectors, cantors, and ushers.

"The amount of energy

and the number of people is exciting," stated Fr. Jim Challancin, C.P.P.S., referring to the entire Campus Ministry program. "We are very fortunate to have such enthusiastic volunteers for our various ministries. It is wonderful to see how the Liturgy touches everyone through different activities. It give you a real sense of Christ's presence on campus."

Coming up, off campus, in Campus Ministry is Kairos XXV. This retreat is scheduled to take place October 29 through November 1. The retreat will be able to accommodate the first 25 people who turn in their registration and fee. Registrations are available at the Campus Ministry bulletin board. The last day to sign up is October 7, 1998. If you have any questions regarding this you can contact Jeanette Jaskula at Ext# 8158, or Bro. Tim at Ext# 6110.

So until further notice, keep an eye on the Campus Ministry bulletin board for future activities and meetings.



Unity in Our Community

by Lisa Phillips

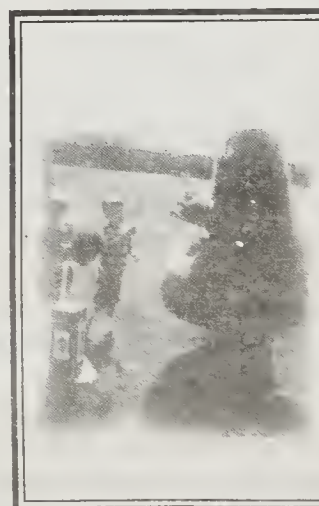
Actions speak louder than words, they say, and Saint Joseph's College got a first class lesson in that on Saturday, August 29th. What began as a response to the Klu Klux Klan rally held at the Jasper County Courthouse quickly became a celebration of diversity. Titled "Unity in the Community Day," the events were purposefully unity oriented. "It was not too aggressive in its message (as some equal rights messages can be). The overall impression was a celebration of people, like a block party," said Gwyn Skrobul.

The event included face painting, a sidewalk chalk drawing contest, music, food and many other group oriented activities. The idea was to put forth a positive message, instead of resorting to the name calling and high tempers that are sometimes associated with civil rights celebrations.

In an open letter to the community President Shannon said "the cost of freedom is tolerance...Celebrating the

value of diversity in a community is better than dividing a community by arbitrary accidents of race, color or creed." Informally, Shannon expressed pride that SJC chose to lead the community in unity and not in hatred.

Unity in the Community Day was by all accounts a huge success, boasting approximately 2,500 participants from the college and surrounding community. And Shannon says this is only the beginning. From now on Unity in the Community Day will be an annual event, celebrating the diversity that makes up both college and community.



SENATE NOTES:

by Mike Nichols

In an introductory meeting on Sept. 8th, the Student Senate introduced the following issues for discussion in the coming semester. First, the senate will amend the current alcohol policy. Second, possible funding for a school yearbook will be decided. Third, plans will be made for a homecoming pep rally in the fieldhouse.

SUB events: SUB will be having novelty acts and a homecoming dance during homecoming weekend. In the middle of October a band will be sponsored to play on the IM field.

Miscellaneous: The Student Association Comment Line has been established. Dial extension #2222 and your call will ring directly into voice mail. Leave your comments, concerns, and suggestions there and S.A. President Michael Nichols will see that your call is addressed appropriately.

Alcohol Policy: Positive or Pointless?

P o s i t i v e !

by Jennifer Price

The new alcohol policy went into effect in July of this year. I have heard a lot of grumbling that the new policy is too harsh and costs too much. Actually, I think that was the point of revising it. When the Student Senate voted on this policy the idea was to discourage people from drinking.

Let's face facts. Underage drinking is illegal. Okay, it's only a status offence, but that does not mean it's okay for everybody to go get drunk every weekend. The College and the Student Senate did not come up with this just to keep everybody from having a good time on the weekends. It's an Indiana law.

There are several reasons why the new policy could work. For one thing, the fines are more expensive. I don't know about anybody else, but I don't have an extra \$75 lying around to use if I get busted drinking one weekend. \$75 is only Level 1. The fines just go up from there.

The new policy also tacks on hours for community service at each level. That doesn't sound so bad at first. But what we need to remember is that last year people who had to do community service did things like the Sunday morning garbage detail in all the dorms. Another community service project is where the students get to repair the damage caused by drunk people the night before. That's not so fun.

Hours are added to the community service at each level of the policy. Anyone who does not do the community service like he/she is supposed to is instantly moved to Level 4 of the policy. Level 4 is the last rung of the ladder. Basically Level 4 says "We'll see you next semester." This is worse for seniors if they get caught. Even if it's their last semester they will be suspended and forbidden from taking part in graduation activities. Is it really worth the risk involved just to get wasted for a weekend? I don't think so.

One good thing that could come out of this is that dorm fines will be lower. The first floors of several dorms get charged for damages every month. A lot of these things are caused by drunk people who come through the dorms and break things or tip over the garbage. I know the fines for my dorm are not nearly as high as what some of the guys have to pay for damages.

I have no problems at all with people going out and having a good time. I just think that there are better, safer ways to do it than getting drunk and breaking things every weekend.

P o i n t l e s s !

by Stephen V. Giles

I have been asked to speak against the new alcohol policy. First, I shall present the ideas of my fellow students who think that this new policy is an outrage and then I will give my own argument.

Some of the students that I've talked to either don't care about the policy because they are responsible enough not get caught, or they just do not drink at all. However, many of the students that I have spoken with think that the new policy is absolutely ludicrous. They say that it's not fair and that if security actually enforced the old policy, then we wouldn't be at this point. I believe that they are half right. I think that the reason we have this policy is three fold. One, security did not seem to enforce the old policy in the past. Two, threatening students gives less work to those whose job it is to actually enforce the laws. And three, many students have been outrageously irresponsible and have shown very little, if any, respect for this campus. Students have destroyed property, fought each other, and acted foolishly around Resident Assistants and Security officers. Many of the students who have complained about the new policy are the very same students who have pushed this policy into effect.

I will now give my own argument. The major complaint that I have against this policy is that it does not abide by the Constitution of the United States. The Eighth Amendment states, "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." The new alcohol policy states, "First Offense: Disciplinary Warning, \$10.00 disciplinary fine, Fine for quantity, 8 hours of community service @ \$5.00 per hour [\$40.00]"

If there is a disciplinary warning, then why the rest of the punishment? Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary says that a warning is "the act of giving notice to beforehand of danger." Our new alcohol policy seems to contradict itself already.

Fines are in and of themselves disciplinary. Why then, do we have a disciplinary fine in addition to a fine for quantity and this sneaky fine that is hidden within community service?

What does this mean, a fine for quantity? It is totally arbitrary as to what amount these fines will be. Our policies should not contradict themselves and they should be written in stone, not left up to someone who may have a prejudicial attitude.

Finally, this community service is not entirely sweat-equity. No, a fine is added into this community service. I am outraged at this attempt to fool the students into thinking that these fines are just and that the money involved in the community service is not a fine.

My last question is this: Where does all this money go? The disciplinary fines, the capricious fines for quantity, and the community service fines are an incredible amount of money. I am pro-community service. It's a brilliant idea. At least that way we can see where the disciplinary action benefits. The money that is paid gets lost and I'm sure that it finds its way into someone's pocket.

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FOOD, FUN, AND ENTERTAINMENT

by Sara Reasoner

Rensselaer came to life over the weekend of September 11, 12 and 13th as it celebrated the annual Little Cousin Jasper Festival. With food, crafts, a flea market, and even line dancing, the courthouse square was a flurry of activities. The Saint Joseph's College marching band performed Friday evening to start the festivities. The Little Cousin Jasper King was crowned following the band's performance. A parade went through town on Saturday. Sunday evening, Tony Melendez, a guitarist who was born without arms, performed in the field house.

The festival was originally started to raise money for the reconstruction of a building on Saint Joseph's College campus that burned down. Now, it has gained support from the citizens of Jasper County and is an annual event. The festival got its name from James Whitcomb Riley, an Indiana poet, who mentioned Little Cousin Jasper in some of his works. Don and Ann Wainscott, visitors from out of town, said, "We really enjoy coming to this festival every year. It has good food, good entertainment, and lots to look at. We'll definitely be back next time." The Little Cousin Jasper Festival is held every September on the first or second weekend of the month.

SEXUAL ASSAULT ADVOCATE

by Gabrielle Hodges

A new group is being formed on the SJC campus. This group is the Sexual Assault Advocate program. Their goal is to increase knowledge about sexual assault issues. The group is going to cover different subjects from sexual harassment to date rape. The group is open to everyone, including men, who are also invited to attend meetings. The group will hold their first informational meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd. If you would like further information about the Sexual Assault Advocate group you can contact Mo Minielle (ext. 6174) or Sr. Fely (ext. 6276).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

by Tracy Beckham

Looking for something fun, fulfilling, and enjoyable? Well Habitat for Humanity is just what you are looking for. Habitat is an organization that builds homes for families with financial problems. Saint Joseph's College chapter of Habitat travels to different places to help with houses as well as working in their own community. Last week they had their first meeting and formed different committees including ones to find volunteer sites. If you want to be a part of Habitat it is not too late. Contact Fred Berger (ext. 6118) who is the faculty advisor or Kathy Jarowicz (ext. 8387) who is the President. You too can help people by building houses and raising the standard of living.

The World's a Stage

by Jenny Norbut

The Columbian Players proudly present *Arsenic and Old Lace* written by Joseph

FIRST SJC CONVOCATION

by Lisa Koziol

On August 26, 1998, the Saint Joseph's community came together to open the 98-99 academic school year. The Academic convocation will become a new tradition for the college. It will give the faculty and the administration a chance to state their mission to the student body and welcome the new students into a program of academic excellence. This year's theme was "Put on the New Self in Holiness and Truth". President Albert Shannon called on the student body to put away their old, bad habits and focus on why they are at college and what their goals are for the future. Also speaking at the ceremony was Father Jim Challancin; Chairman of the Board, Philip Wilhelm; Dean of Freshman, Marge McIlwain; and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. David Chattin. The students reacted positively to this new tradition by attending the ceremony. Sophomore Darcie Berndt commended the ceremony by stating, "This gives the Saint Joe community a chance to hear from administration what their expectations are for us." The convocation also gave administration, faculty, and the rest of the student body a chance to formally welcome the freshmen into the SJC family.

Kesselring and directed by Kathy Jarowicz. It is a comedy about family and murder with a twist at the end. It is a three act play with fourteen characters. Auditions will be held in the College Theatre, located on the second floor of the Science Building on Tuesday, September 22nd and Thursday the 24th at 7pm. All are welcome to come audition.

GOING PLACES

by Sara Reasoner

Do you know where you will be going after you graduate from SJC? The Career Center on the second floor of the Halleck Center can help any curious college student. The Career Center was located on the third floor of the Halleck Center within two small rooms until last year. As it gained more materials and patrons, it was moved to a larger and more accessible area.

This year, the employees of the Career Center hope to see even more students. Linda Bevec, Head of Career Services, said, "We have several new and exciting events planned for the year, and I hope that students will take advantage of them. There are many students out there who haven't even thought about writing a resume and they are about to graduate. We want to get all students involved in planning their careers early so our work is more effective."

The Career Center offers students help with resume writing, mock interviews, and the Sigi-Plus Computer program. The resource library is growing every day, and students can research almost any job they may want. Resume writing workshops are offered throughout the year and are publicized in flyers or on the computer announcement. Students with questions are asked to contact the Career Center at extension 6116.

TO DRINK OR NOT TO DRINK

by Lynn Rainey

To help enforce the dry campus motto, Saint Joseph's College government passed a new alcohol policy. Both the floor leaders and RA's spoke of it and some even have first hand experience. Of course with any policy directly affecting the student body there is going to be controversy. According to Mike Nichols, Senate President, the current policy is not what the Student Life Committee intended. "Our purpose was to keep fines down, and we were content with what we've accomplished. However, fines along with community service surprised us. My plan is to take the policy back to the senate so students can have their say. Then the amended policy will go back to the Student Life Committee".

There are four levels of the policy, which is one less than last year. However, once on a level you can not go back. The only way to go is forward. For the first offense, there is eight hours of community service and a ten dollar fine. The more stages the greater number of community service hours and disciplinary fines. When level four is reached, the person is suspended for the semester. After level four if you have no more violations you return to level three; however, if caught again, suspension for the remainder of the semester is the sanction.

As noted Senate President, Michael Nichols, plans to put the policy back on the floor of the Senate for further revising. So, the alcohol policy is a work in progress for Saint Joseph's College law making body. As for the students, whenever disciplinary action is used there are always people who believe it is too harsh or not enforced enough. However, Saint Joseph's College must comply with State of Indiana and Federal laws concerning the use of alcohol. So let the blame fall where it may, we have to have an effective alcohol policy.

Nesselrode joins Communications Department

by Heather Hagan

This semester, Professor Sally Nesselrode joins the Saint Joe faculty as a member of the Communications Department.

Nesselrode graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1987 with a bachelor of science in radio, television, and film, with an emphasis on news and public affairs. In 1998, Nesselrode received her master's degree, also from Oklahoma State University. After completing her undergraduate work, Nesselrode worked as a news producer at KJRH in Tulsa, Oklahoma and at KFOR in Oklahoma City.

Nesselrode then moved on to teaching. For six years, she taught broadcasting and mass communication courses at Northern Oklahoma College, a two-year school. There, she was also the director of broadcasting and served as general manager of the campus radio station.



Professor Sally Nesselrode

Nesselrode first decided to come to Saint Joe after meeting Professor Fred Berger at a Broadcast Education Association convention in April of 1997. When he told her that SJC was looking for a radio professor, she applied and got the job. Her decision to come to SJC was based on several factors.

"I realized there were more academic opportunities for me at Saint Joseph's, being a four-year college," said Nesselrode. There was also the challenge of making a good radio broadcasting program better. The students I met had nothing but positive comments to say about Saint Joe. That alone was very persuasive."

Editor's Note: Look for more profiles of new faculty members in coming issues of the Observer.

Changes are in store for WPUM

by Heather Hagan

If you've noticed a change in the radio station this year, you are not alone. With the hiring of new radio station director Sally Nesselrode, WPUM is on the path toward change.

According to Nesselrode, there are several new things to notice and listen for on WPUM.

To begin with, the format of music will be far more structured than in the past

"Here's the cold hard fact: someone on WPUM this semester will probably make a living doing radio someday."

-- Sally Nesselrode

years. This structured format means that the type of music will be consistent and the overall programming - i.e. station ID's, breaks and news - will also be consistent. The sound of WPUM will follow an alternative/pop music chart. The songs that are in the top 15 on a nationally recognized chart such as Billboard or Radio & Records will get more airplay.

"The purpose of moving to a standard for-

mat that is geared toward 16-25 year olds is so that each DJ on the air can walk into a commercial radio station and say, 'Sure! I can follow a log. I know how a commercial break is organized. I understand the importance of station identification,'" said Nesselrode.

According to Nesselrode, charting music based on airplay on radio stations across the country is a science and involves a great deal of research. She hopes that by training WPUM DJ's in this science, they will have a jump-start on the competition when they are hunting for a job someday.

"Here's the cold hard fact," said Nesselrode. "Someone on WPUM this semester will probably make a living doing radio someday. I want them to learn the right way, which is the 'real world' way, not necessarily the 'college world' way."

Dwenger Hall faces uncertain future

As it sits abandoned, Dwenger's fate remains unclear.

by Breain MaAytch

Old. Worn. Vacant. Dilapidated. These are just some of the words used to describe Dwenger Hall, the old stone building right next door to Merlini Hall.

What's so special about this building? Well, right now, not much. Dwenger has been closed off ever since the spring of 1998, when plumbing problems created an unsafe environment for the students. According to Mr. William Shaut, Vice President of Business Administration, a window was left open over spring break which caused severe rain damage.

The only people who currently enter the building are members of the Observer staff, whose office temporarily

remains in Dwenger. According to Mr. William Manis, Vice President of Student Affairs, the building will be locked for good with no access granted after the Observer office completes its move into the third floor of the Halleck Center. The target date for this move is October 1, 1998.

"The college has no immediate plans for Dwenger," said Mr. Shaut. "It is not included in our budget this year for any renovations." Mr. Shaut added that a serious amount of money would be needed to rehabilitate Dwenger.

Dwenger Hall was originally built in 1907 and named after Reverend Joseph Dwenger, the bishop of Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was used as an infirmary and as space to accommodate visitors. Prior to the construction of the Core building in 1995, Dwenger was also used as faculty office space.



DWENGER HALL, PICTURED in its current state of disrepair. The college has no immediate plans to either renovate or demolish Dwenger. Photo by Ann O'Donnell.

How about a ...

Cup o' Joe

New student-run coffeehouse provides place to relax and unwind.

by Lisa Phillips

There's something new to do on campus! Cup o' Joe has been open for about two weeks now and is the place to be, it seems.

The concept for a coffee house was introduced by Bill Bell last year who then handed the project over to David "Chicago" Martin. In recalling the incident, Martin commented "he handed me the keys and told me to work some magic."

Cup o' Joe is a non-profit organization

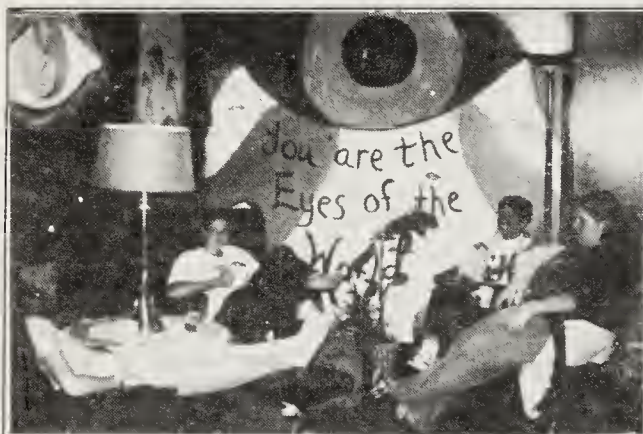


CHICAGO MARTIN SERVES UP the latest brew for Cup o' Joe customers. Photo by Ann O'Donnell.

geared toward relaxation and contemplation, "I like creating an environment where people can drink a cup of coffee and be themselves," says Martin. It is located in the Chapel basement (follow the signs) and is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The rooms are covered in artwork, all originating from the creative brushes of SJC students.

Although support is great for this project, there is still a shortage of people who are willing to dedicate the time required to work free of charge. The coffee shop provides a nice, comfortable atmosphere to have a good time, along with interesting company. It's great that this campus finally has a place besides Core 11 to relax and unwind. Martin hopes to expand and improve Cup o' Joe to "make it the most groovy place on campus."

SARA POST, MARY MAURO, Sr. Fely and Marley Miller relax and chat over a cup o' joe. Photo by Ann O'Donnell.



SUMO FUN IN THE SUN



SUMO WRESTLERS TAKE their positions during one of the activities held as part of Unity in the Community Day. The event offered a unique opportunity for both fun and learning. Photo by Lisa Phillips.

A Friend to many

Saint Joseph's Community mourns the passing of Fr. James Froelich

by Melinda Burdan

While most of us were taking the summer to enjoy ourselves, some people were working to promote world peace. Still others were working to teach someone a lesson or help them gain a better understanding of the world and the way it works. Father James Froelich was one of those people.

Father Froelich worked all of his life to promote the betterment of each individual, the Saint Joseph community and even the whole world. Father Froelich passed away this summer while performing missionary work in Africa. His work in Morogoro, Tanzania was to teach future priests.

In addition to working with future priests in Africa, Father Froelich also had a great interest in the poor. He took up collections of clothes and books for poor African children, and one year even collected toys with the help of JaLeen Deardurff. Father Froelich thought that even if persons had gone to prison, they should still have the opportunity to prove themselves through hard work and dedication.

Father Froelich also taught others to make themselves the best they could be. He encouraged the people to be their best and never made anyone feel that they could not do something.

"He really liked to build people up. He was quite a guy," said Fr. James Challancin, campus chaplain.

Father Froelich had been associated with Saint Joseph's College for over forty-five years. He was a professor in the Religion department. He was also a special part of the Core program, having taught every Core at one time or another.

Father James Froelich was a special man on campus. While he was an integral part of the Saint Joe community, he was also special to many other people in this world. It takes a unique man to touch as many people as he did, and the people of this community should feel privileged to have had the pleasure of being a part of this man's life.

Games Ahead:

by Michelle Horst

Football:
9-24-98 at
Indiana State

Women's Tennis:
9-26-98 at SIUE

Women's Volleyball:

9-25-98 vs.
University of Southern
Indiana at 7:00 PM
9-26-98 vs.
Kentucky Wesleyan at
2:00 PM
9-29-98 vs. St.
Xavier at 7:00 PM

Men's Soccer:
9-24-98 vs.
Indiana Wesleyan at
7:00 PM
9-26-98 at SIUE
at 1:00 PM
9-27-98 at
University of Southern
Indiana at 1:00 PM

Women's Soccer:
9-26-98 at SIUE
at 3:30 PM
9-27-98 at
University of Southern
Indiana at 3:30 PM

Women's Golf:
9-27-98 at
Tristate
9-28-98 at
Tristate

Men's Golf:
9-28-98 Dist IV
at Ferris St.
9-29-98 Dist IV
at Ferris St.

Cross Country:
9-26-98 at
DePauw

Women's Softball:
9-26-98
Women's Softball
Wisconsin Parkside
Tournament, WI, TBA

P U M A Football Team has a rough beginning

by Jamie Riberto

"I would have liked to have more wins so I am disappointed. Our guys are playing hard and competing hard."

The Saint Joseph's College football team started off their 1998 season with two disappointing losses. They lost their season opener on Thursday, September 3rd to Eastern Illinois University by a score of 24-7. The Pumas then traveled to Angola, Indiana on September 12th to play Tri-State University. There they lost another heartbreaker 38-35 to fall to 0-2 for the season. Larry Smith was able to have his best running day. He had sixty-eight yards passing, one-hundred ninety-six yards running, and three touchdowns. David Shabazz had the other two Puma touchdowns on a ninety-five yard return and a forty-eight yard reception from Jamie Egli. Defensively, David Ortiz played a very strong game as well.

Head Coach, Tom Riva is disappointed with the two losses but is positive that the team is capable of victory.

"I would have liked to have more wins so I am disappointed. Our guys are playing hard and competing hard. If we continue then the wins will start coming. We just have to believe in that. We have to come together and play our game and not worry about performance. We started off slow the first two games and the guys react to that" Riva stated.

Ivan Blount agreed with Coach Riva that the team is capable of winning. He feels the changes they have made will help to attain victory.

"We have made a few changes in the offense and defense so hopefully the changes will bring new and better results. Personally I feel I am contributing to the team as much as possible, but I can always improve so that is what I intend to do. All of my teammates and I intend on turning the season around to come out with our first win" Blount stated. Blount didn't have to wait long for the first win. The PUMA football team won 51-34 against Malone College.

The Puma football team has high expectations for the season goals. The team hopes to head to the play-offs.

"We want to be recognized nationally through the play-offs and national rankings. Our weekly goal is to beat the team we are playing that week" Riva expressed.

The team is capable of accomplishing their goals due to the strong freshman class they recruited. Some key players so far have been Jamie Egli, Henry Johnson, and Ryan Shewman.

"The freshman class should be a good solid class if they work hard and contribute" Riva said.

The next game for the Pumas will be September 24th at Indiana State.



Assistant Athletic Director, and Head track and cross country Coach Bill Massouels.

Photo by Ann O'Donnell

One Team at a Time

by Tami Hart and Michelle Horst

Coach Massouels joined Saint Joseph's Puma staff in July of 1990, as Head Coach of cross country and Assistant Coach of track. Soon after joining the Pumas, he was promoted to the position of Head Coach of cross country and track.

After becoming Head Coach of both teams, Massouels started developing his plan. He wanted to rebuild the foundation of the track team in four years. His goal was reached in only three short years. With the rebuilding of track, he knew that it would either help or not help cross country. Fortunately for the teams, cross country was able to benefit from the rebuilding of the track team. With the track team rebuilt, Massouels was able to turn his attention to the development of cross country.

Cross Country's season recently started. "It's been a rollercoaster" through the month of September," Coach Massouels commented. The men's and women's teams are relatively young. The new freshmen on the teams are from strong backgrounds, and are adjusting very well to playing a college sport. Massouels gives credit to the upperclassmen for the new members easy adjustment to college athletics.

The students on the track and cross country teams are driven, very talented, and very young. This gives them the strength they need to run against their opponents. Coach Massouels thinks that both teams should be very pleased with themselves. At this stage of the game they are just feeling and experiencing what they can do. Men's cross country is a very young team while the women's cross country has been here slightly longer.

The teams have set some goals for themselves. If the track team remains injury free, it has the potential to be the best. The team has been ranked nationally for five straight years. Massouels would like to see the cross country team to be more competitive and finish in the top three in their conference.

Coach Massouels was finally asked who has been the biggest influence on the team. Massouels believes that every individual on the team brings their own unique talent with them. This will help the team to continue building to success.

Women's Golf Gears Up

by Marcy Janjecic

Fore! Once again golf season is here and the women's golf team is ready to tee it up. This year's roster includes senior, Marcy Janjecic, juniors, Amanda McKirgan, Chrissy Staffan, and Kristi Flick, sophomores, Jill Morgan, Lindsay Serbin-Baltz, and Katie Tiedeman, and freshman, Beth Jerzyk. The women's golf team began their season over Labor Day weekend at the Grand Valley State Invitational with a combined two day score of 749 (382, 367). The team also played at the Tri-State Zollner Golf Course where the women shot a combined two day score of 717. They were led by Marcy Janjecic (81, 86) and Beth Jerzyk (89, 87). At the Indianapolis Links Golf Course, the women shot a 364, and were lead by Kristi Flick at 86. According to Coach Rick Mangas, the women have been averaging around 367 for a combined score.

The members of the golf team are looking forward to a successful and exciting remainder of the season. "Morale is very high. We've bonded a lot this season as a team and we are looking forward to a good showing in Conference," junior team member Amanda McKirgan commented.

The women will host their own invitational on September 20 and 21 at Curtis Creek Country Club.

Women's Soccer Skyrockets

by Tami Hart

Women's soccer, at Saint Joseph's College, is simply having a good season. As of September 14th, the women's soccer team is ranked sixth in the National NCAA Division II National rankings. The Pumas are 4-0, and are also ranked 1st in the Central region. This is the highest ranking for the Lady Pumas so far this season.

The Lady Pumas won the annual 1998 Puma Classic by going 2-0, and defeating the University of Indianapolis. The tournament provided a stepping stone for the rest of the season, and the upcoming games. Four of the Lady Pumas were named to the 1998 Puma Classic All-Tournament team. They were Mary Reid, Amanda Bailey, Lori McKinney, and Julie Recker. "The team maintained possession and strung a lot of nice passes together during the tournament. Our pre-season conditioning helped us outlast the other teams in the heat," commented Sophomore Amanda Bailey.

The Saint Joseph's College ladies are averaging 3.75 goals a game. Team defender Lori McKinney stated, "We have had two very strong teams the past two years, and this year's team should be just as strong if not stronger." The Lady Pumas will be playing at home October 10th against Bellamine.



Rock Lives!

The often overused assertion that rock is dead was tested in Chicago this past Saturday with Rockstock98. A grand total of 22 bands from Anthrax to The Black Crowes filled up 3 stages and attempted to "wow" the crowds of thousands. As a yearly event, Rockstock brings together some of the best hard rock and local bands to put on a very diverse show. This year was no exception.

The gates opened at around 12:30 and all comers were greeted with a complimentary pat-down and container search. After passing the many vendors selling everything from incense to \$5.00 a glass beer, the main stage loomed on the horizon. As for our group's seats, we got to sit on the lawn and enjoy the specks performing on the stage about a quarter mile away. Not that it was bad sitting so far away, cause the real reason we came was to hear the music.

Candlebox started their 40 minute set at 1:30 p.m.. They had the benefit of setting the stage, no pun intended, for the next acts. After listening to acoustically poor songs, we headed over to the second stage to catch Monster Magnet. The definite highlight of their set was when lead singer Dave Wyndorf set his guitar on fire and then proceeded to beat the crap out of it and the stage. Even though its been done many times (thanks Hendrix) it still got the crowd to scream and freak out even more. Fire seems to have that effect on mobs of people.

Several more local bands played on the smaller stage, including Corey Glover from now defunct Living Color. Cowboy Mouth, a truly entertaining band from New Orleans, gave the crowd a taste of their frenzied rock-and-roll. The lead singer and drummer, Fred LeBlanc, played like a man possessed. This guy was really amazing. He played the drums with a wild-eyed and hungry disposition. Tongue hanging out, he whipped the crowd into singing along and dancing like little children. If you ever get a chance to see these guys, go and get ready for one hell of a feel-good ride.

The Anthrax and Local H fans set themselves up for two really intense shows. Local H, hailing out of Chicago, put on a good show, but definitely not the highlight of the night. Sevendust came onto stage and ran over the crowd with a lyrical steamroller. Moshing was at its peak, and yours truly pushed and shoved his way to the front row to enjoy the show.

The final performance of the night lived up to the theory that "good things come to those who wait." The German band, Rammstein, put on the best show of the night and left nothing standing. These guys must like fire and explosions, cause the pyrotechnics were the best I've seen. From setting themselves on fire for a whole song, to flaming drumsticks and keyboards, this group won top spot for the night. Sang entirely in German, I had no idea what they were saying for the most part. It didn't matter cause these guys put on an amazing theatrical show that was filled with explosions and fire. I've never seen anything like it before.

Rockstock98 was filled with good ol' rock-and-roll, not to mention lots of beer drinking and uncontrolled partying. After all, isn't that what American rock is all about?

-Charles Martin

DESERT PLACES

Snow falling and night
falling fast, oh, fast
In a field I looked into
going past,
And the ground almost
covered smooth in snow,
But a few weeds, and
stubble showing last.
The woods around it have
it - it is theirs.
All animals are smothered
in their lairs.
I am too absent-spirited to
count;
The loneliness includes me
unawares.
And lonely as it is, that
loneliness
Will be more lonely ere it
will be less -
A blanker whiteness of
benighted snow
With no expression, noth-
ing to express.
They cannot scare me with

Unity

They came wearing their white sheets
To spread their message of hate.
But we are stronger than they are.
We've survived the holocausts of the past.
They shall be defeated.

Our unity
—the unity which makes us human—
Will triumph. We are united by love, not hate.
This love, our human love, will triumph,
And the evil shall be defeated.

We're not black or white.
We're neither man nor woman.
Christian nor Jew.
We're members of the same family.
And we shall defeat them.

-Phiaamon Davis

their empty spaces
Between stars - on stars
where no human race is.
I have it in me so much
nearer home
To scare myself with my
own desert places.

-Robert Frost



Nothing Like it

We're back again for this new year.
Friends from far away are once more near.
The work's begun and so has stress.
Though most expected nothing less.
Processed food and then to class.
Sunday's coming; get to mass.
Lecture's over. (overslept)
I need the shirt my roommate kept.
Out of money. Books to buy.
No job for which I qualify.
Pizza delivered to my room.
Someone broke the floor vacuum.
Music pounding through my brain.
Uncomfy mattress. Back in pain.
Inept cable. Downed computer.
What was the name of that recruiter?
Talked to Audix. No voice mail.
Cheesy bread a little stale.
P.O. Box an empty shell.
Bathroom has a funky smell.
Lake is closed. I want my pool.
Wouldn't trade a thing for school.

-Sarah Martin